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Docket No.: 33944

PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Notification of Abandonment (PCT/DO/EO/909) dated July 2, 2002 (copy enclosed), applicant petitions and requests that the Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn for the following reason.

The required Declaration (copy enclosed) was sent to the Patent Office on December 19, 2001, as indicated in the certificate of mailing on the enclosed transmittal letter, and received at the Patent Office on January 23, 2002, as indicated by the date stamp on the enclosed copy of the return receipt postcard.

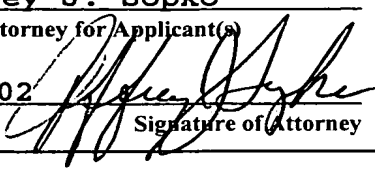
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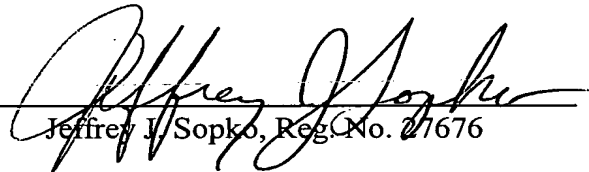
Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions the Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,

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